Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Over 600,000,000 people on this earth follow the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, and in a nation where freedom of religion is not only a Constitutionally protected right but an unequalled opportunity, many South Dakotans practice the Moslem faith; and,

Whereas, Muslims in South Dakota follow many walks of life, from farmers to physicians to educators in our colleges and universities, and for them the month of Ramadan is a month of fasting from daybreak to sunset, a holy observance commemorating the night of determination when the Angel Gabriel delivered the Qur'an to Muhammad; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Muslims spend the month of Ramadan in prayer and fasting, in celebration of worship and contemplation and value this time to strengthen family and community ties:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby extend a greeting to the Muslims of South Dakota in observance of

THE MONTH OF RAMADAN

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State